

Amendment under 37 CFR 1.111
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REMARKS

Claims 1-11 are pending in this application. Claims 12-19 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. Claim 1 has been amended herein.

Support for the amendment to claim 1 may be found as follows: The outer wall 28 of battery pack 20 is described on page 6, line 34, of the specification. The contact between the outer wall 28 and outer wall 22 of the rear of portion 14 is illustrated in Fig. 2 as well as Fig. 7, and is described on pages 6-7 and elsewhere in the specification.

Claims 1, 3-6, 8, 11-12, 14-17 and 19 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Bhatia (U.S. Patent No. 5,898,569) (Office action point 2).

Reconsideration of the rejection is respectfully requested in view of the amendment to the claims. Claim 1 has been amended to recite that the electric part has an electric part body having an outer wall which is arranged in contact with the outer wall of the apparatus body, and dependent claims 3-6, 8, and 11 therefore have this limitation. Claims 12, 14-17 and 19 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer.

Bhatia discloses a structure in which a power supply 190 is connected to an apparatus body 115 by a cable 165 and a connector 160. The body of the power supply 190 is **not** arranged to be in contact with the body of the apparatus body 115. Bhatia therefore does not disclose or suggest the structure recited in claim 1.

Applicants note that the object of the present invention is to prevent excessive temperature rise, which is achieved when the electric part is closely attached to the apparatus body in a manner as described in the above limitation. This is not suggested by Bhatia.

Applicants therefore submit that claims 1, 3-6, 8 and 11 are novel and, further, are non-obvious over Bhatia.

Claims 2 and 13 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Bhatia '569 and further in view of Yoshiaki et al. (JP 7-245849) (Office action point 4).

Reconsideration of the rejection is respectfully requested in view of the amendments to the claims. Claim 2 depends from claim 1, which has been amended as discussed above. Claim 13 has been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer.

As noted above, Bhatia does not disclose or suggest the added limitation to claim 1, that the outer wall of the electric part is in contact with the outer wall of the apparatus body. Applicants submit that Yoshiaki et al. also does not disclose or suggest this limitation, and that claim 2 is therefore novel and non-obvious over Bhatia and Yoshiaki et al., taken separately or in combination.

Claims 7 and 18 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Bhatia '569 and further in view of Akira et al. (JP 10-116133) (Office action point 5).

Reconsideration of the rejection is respectfully requested in view of the amendments to the claims. Claim 7 depends from claim 1, which has been amended as discussed above. Claim 18 has been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer.

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As noted above, Bhatia does not disclose or suggest the added limitation to claim 1, that the outer wall of the electric part is in contact with the outer wall of the apparatus body. Applicants submit that Akira et al. also does not disclose or suggest this limitation, and that claim 7 is therefore novel and non-obvious over Bhatia and Akira et al., taken separately or in combination.

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If, for any reason, it is felt that this application is not now in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact Applicant's undersigned agent at the telephone number indicated below to arrange for an interview to expedite the disposition of this case.

In the event that this paper is not timely filed, Applicant respectfully petitions for an appropriate extension of time. Please charge any fees for such an extension of time and any other fees which may be due with respect to this paper, to Deposit Account No. 01-2340.

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